

**CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE TREE COMMITTEE  
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I'm Sam Lawrence, reporting on behalf of Nina Bang-Jensen, Ralph Stephens, and Tom and Kristina Schendt, who together with me compose the Village Tree Committee. Our charge is basically to see to the planting, the care and maintenance of our public trees. There are a lot of them. Indeed, as of March 31, there were some 2600, including 2100 planted in Village ROWs and along Connecticut Ave and about 500 in Village parks and the buffer. Another 40 were planted last week and I understand that next week there'll be another 9 planted trees along the Newlands-Primrose block of Connecticut Ave. and several more within Newlands Park.

During calendar 2014 we planted 89 new trees and had to take down only 15, which is the smallest number of losses we have suffered in some years. So there was a net game of almost 75 trees.. And over the three year period since the Board endorsed stepping up our planting to 90 trees per year, we have had a net gain of over 200 trees and are approaching the goal of fully planting out Village rights of way.

So all this is good. However, we continue to lose trees from private property at a rather high rate. During the 12 months concluding this past March 31, administrative permits were issued for removal of 106 trees. Only trees of 8" diameter and larger require permits, so these takedowns represent a significant - and on-going - loss of canopy.

In an effort to mitigate this loss, the Village Board last May approved a new program to encourage residents to plant trees that will grow to restore the Village canopy. Regrettably, I believe only one resident has stepped up to participate. Perhaps this is because our residents don't realize this program is available and that the Village will provide up to \$250 as an incentive grant to plant a new canopy tree. So I'll conclude with a call to any here tonight who have the space to accommodate a nice maple or oak or elm, the Village wants to encourage you to get one started and will participate with you in covering the costs.

Michael Younes is the man to see,

Thank you

Samuel Lawrence  
Chair, Chevy Chase Village Tree Committee